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### RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed November 29, 2005, Form PTOL-85 is submitted herewith, along with payment of the issue and publication fees.

Also submitted herewith are a Statement of the Substance of the Interview and Comments on Statements for Reasons for Allowance.

Kindly direct any other comments or requests with respect to this application to the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 8, 2005

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# COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e), Statements of Reasons for Allowance are intended only as a supplement to the record as a whole when that record is not clear, and shall not be treated as a substitute for the record or in a manner inconsistent with the record.

Therefore, Applicants accept the examiner's reasons only to the extent that they are consistent with the record as a whole prior to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and do not accept any claim interpretation that is inconsistent than that afforded by the record as a whole prior to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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No limitation or construction should be inferred from the examiner's statement under Rule 104(e).

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#### STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to interview with the undersigned on November 18, 2005. The substance of the interview was substantially as appears in the Interview Summary form accompanying the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed on November 29, 2005.

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